

Remarks: Christie Brandau's Going Away Reception
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For sure, this occasion is bitter sweet for me and our Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

I am very pleased that Christie has secured another great leadership opportunity that is close to her family. Yet I regret that she will be leaving our team.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Christie for the past 3 _ years and it has been a wonderful relationship.

In the short time I have, I can only touch on a few highlights. Building a state level department from scratch was a significant challenge that required great collaboration from all of our five agencies. Christie has been an exceptional team player and champion for our new department.

Christie has been a visionary leader of the State Library and Michigan libraries in general. No one has been more dedicated to access to library resources and quality service than she.

Christie has been a marvelous spokesperson for libraries. She has remained committed to outreach and has been a highly visible leader.

With Christie I dare make a sweeping generalization — everyone likes and respects her.

Christie you leave with our very best wishes and thank you for your superb leadership.

Bill Anderson